Minister Sri K. H. Patil told the House that the taluk board elections due to be held in the month of November might be postponed by a month or two, in view of the severe brought situation in the State-

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have also said the same thing. There is no difference. According to him, there might be some kind of contradication, I submit to the House that there is no contradiction in the sense that I have also stated here-a month or two this way or that way. But we are not going to postpone the elections.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—But the Reporters have reported like that.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—You go and take Cudgels against the Reporters. I think Mr. C. M. Armugam also was here when I said it.

Papers laid on the Talble.—

SKI A. SHANKARA ALVA —(Minister for Co-operation) Sir. I beg to lay on the table of the House Gazette Notification No. DPC 162 CCB 72 (S. O 1445) dated 11th August 1972 issued under the Mysore Co-operative societies Act 1959.

MADAM SPEAKER —The Notification laid on the table of the House.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Re :—Deaths due to consumption of French Polish in Shimoga Town.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum) :—Sir, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the deaths due to consumption of French Polish in Shimoga

SRI D DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I state as follows.—

1. On 20th Jully 1972 the Sub-Inspector of Police, Doddapet Polish Station, Shimoga received intimation from the Medical Officer, Mc Gann. Hospital, Shimoga to the effect that on the same day at different times four persons with history of consumption of French Polish had been adimitted in the hospital and that three of them had died and that the condition of the fourth was serious, The Sub-Inspector immediately visited the hospital and found the persons mentioned below had died,—

1. Chinaiah son of Tarappa, 25 years Cobler residing at Milaghatta
2. Vasudevaiah son of Tumkur Ramaiah, 45 years Municipal Sweeper, Tank Mahalla, Shimoga
3. Venkatesh son of Tadasevadiyar, 55 years. Cooly Lashkar Mohalla, Shimoga

2. The Superintendent of Police also visited the hospital and made enquiries. The fourth person, Thirupal son of Guraiah of Milaghatta also died at 3—00 p.m Enquiries made at the hospital did not reveal any clue about the course of the French Polish which was alleged to have been consumed by the deceased persons. Cases in Shimoga Doddapet Police Station Crime Nos. 92 to 95/72 were registered and investigation was taken up.

3. On 21st July 1972 one person by name Rajamanikyam son of Muniswamy Naidu, 48 years, Cooly, Milaghatta also died and the cause of his death was suspected to be due to consumption of French Polish. A case in crime No. 96/72 was registered and investigation was taken up.

4. On the same day (21st July 1973) one Sadai Wadiyar son af Dharmlingam Mudaliar, 40 years, Bailu Kammarkeri, Shimoga was admitted to the hospital with history of consumption of French Polish. His statement was recorded and it disclosed that he had consumed French Polish on 18th July 1972 in the house of one Syed Ahmad of Lashkar Mohalla, Shimoga. On his statement a case in Crime No. 97/72 under section 328 I P.C. was registered and investigation taken up.

5. Raids were conducted in Shimoga Town under the personal supervision of the Superintendent of Police on 20th July 1972 and 21st July 1972 as a result of which 2 tins containing about 32 litres of French Polish mixture were seized from the house of Syed Ahammad and 24 bottles of denatured sprit were seized from the house of one Adam Pasha of Lashkar Mohalla. Shimoga. In this respect 2 cases under the Excise Act in Shimoga Kote Police Station Crime Nos. 110 and 112/72 have been registered. The Superintendent of Police visited the various localities in the town. made enquiries and advsied the people suitably.

6. The viscera, stomach wash and sampls of French Polish are being sent for chemical analysis. 3 persons namely, Syed Ameer, Adam Pasha and his brother have been arrested and investigation of the cases is in progress. Sadai Wadiyar is progressing in the hospital.

7. The enforcemnt wing of the Excise Department has been strengthened by creating an additional post of Joint Commissioner of Excise and an officer of the status of Deputy Inspector General of Police has been posted to conduct raids all over the State. Further the allotment of de-natured sprit for manufacture of French Polish is being scrutinised to prevent misuse.

8. It has come to the notice of Government that thare has been considerable misuse in the utilization of denatured spirits released to individuals and firms purporting to produce french

Polish, varnishes and brake fluid and there is considerable evidence to indicate that large quantities of such releases are being used for the purpose of preparation o illicit drinks. Instructions have been issued to the Commissisner of Excise to arrange inspections of all the units which are claiming to be running such industries in order to ensure that the releases of denatured spirits are made only to *bona fide* persons. Pending this examination, the Commissioner of Excise has suspended such releases and it is proposed in future to cut dow the releases to the nearest minimum an. only to genuine parties. It is hoped that this measure will help to put down this abuse.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, there are so many cases of French Polish consumption. In Belgaum also four people died in the month of May. I want to bring to the notice of the Chief Minister that I have given an application stating that there are cases of adulteration of liquor even in Belgaum. I suggest that you must take very drastic action against these persons.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Yes

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರನಾಳಿ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ,—ಈ ಡೀಲರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾವು ಹಿಂದೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸಲ ದೂರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೂ ಫ್ರೆಂಚ್ ಪಾಲಿಷ್ ನ್ಯಾಯ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿತರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ, ಇನ್ನೂ ಅನೇಕರಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಸಹ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಲ್ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸನ್ನು ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಲ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ್ ಅರಸ್.—ಆ ಮನುಷ್ಯನನ್ನ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾತೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಡೀಲರ್ ಯಾರೇ ಇರಲಿ, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಕೊಡುವಾಗ ಅವರು ಕಾನೂನುಗಳಿಗನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಒಂದುವೇಳೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರೇ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರೆ, ಆಗ ನೀವು ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ? ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಅವರ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ರದ್ದುಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ, ಅವರನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅವರನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವರಲ್ಲ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸನ್ನೂ ಸಹ ರದ್ದುಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—That will be examined. I cannot say now. They will proceed according to rules. The Law will take its course.

Demands day observed by the state N.G.Os.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಇವತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ೩ ಲಕ್ಷ ಜನರು ಸರ್ಕಾರೀ ನೌಕರರು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಎನ್.ಜಿ.ಓ. ಗಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಭಟಿಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನಾ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಈ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇನ್ನೂ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಈಡೇರಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಎನ್.ಜಿ.ಓ. ಗಳು ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ಜೀವಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವತ್ತು ದಿನೇದಿನೇ ಏರುತ್ತಿರುವ ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳ ಬೆಲೆ ಗಗನಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಟ್ಟುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇವತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ ಅಕ್ಕಪಕ್ಕದ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಸಂಬಳ ಸಾರಿಗೆಗೂ, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೂ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಸಂಬಳ ಸಾರಿಗೆಗೂ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ನೌಕರರಿಗೂ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಸಂಬಳ ಸಾರಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೋಲಿಸಿ ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಬಹಳವಾಗಿ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ನೌಕರರು ಪಡುಬಾರದ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.